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In re Application of :
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For: CONTENT PROVIDER ENTITY FOR COMMUNICATION SESSION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) In combination, a content-provider entity according to claim 1 and a service system for setting up a communication session with an associated transport mechanism allowing the exchange of data, via multiple data transfer channels for different media types, between endpoint entities joined to the session; the service system, in setting up a communication session, creating a service-session functional entity for controlling the joining of endpoint entities to the session in accordance with a predetermined service behaviour, and the service-session functional entity being responsible for joining the content-provider entity to the session as required by said service behaviour, this joining involving the sending of said context data and channel information to the content-provider entity.

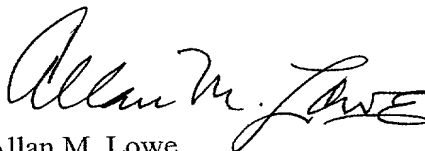
REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 8 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Marked-Up Version Showing Changes".

Respectfully submitted,

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5. A content-provider entity according to claim 1, wherein the delivery controller is operative to cause content to be simultaneously delivered across multiple channel connections.

5 6. A content-provider entity according to claim 1, wherein content delivery is non-interactive with respect to any other entity joined to the communication session, the delivery controller periodically causing new content to be delivered.

7. A content-provider entity according to claim 1, wherein the content delivered has active components enabling a party joined to the session to provide input regarding what content should be further delivered, said input being received by the content-provider entity and used to controlled subsequent content delivery on one or more channels.

8. In combination, a content-provider entity according to ^{claim 1} ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ and a service system for setting up a communication session with an associated transport mechanism allowing the exchange of data, via multiple data transfer channels for different media types, between endpoint entities joined to the session; the service system, in setting up a communication session, creating a service-session functional entity for controlling the joining of endpoint entities to the session in accordance with a predetermined service behaviour, and the service-session functional entity being responsible for joining the content-provider entity to the session as required by said service behaviour, this joining involving the sending of said context data and channel information to the content-provider entity.

9. The combination of claim 8, wherein the service session functional entity is operative to join the content-provider entity to the session during a period when an existing endpoint entity corresponding to an enquiring party awaits the joining of an endpoint entity corresponding to an assistant party.

10. The combination of claim 9, wherein the content-provider entity is automatically caused to leave the communication session upon the assistant party joining the session.

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